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MUCH APPRECIATE YOUR WILLINGNESS TO BE HELPFUL IN EASING
CONTINUING ADMINISTRATIVE DIFFICULTIES WE ARE ENCOUNTERING
WITH RESPECT TO JOINT COMMISSION EXPERTS. IN OUR EXPERIENCE,
HOWEVER, REGARDLESS OF WHAT DR. KAZEMI TOLD YOU, HE TENDS TO
TAKE A RATHER NARROW, LEGALISTIC APPROACH. INDEED, IN A
RECENT INSTANCE CONCERNING THIS MATTER HE TOOK A POSITION
REGARDING PRIVILEGES FOR JOINT COMMISSION EXPERTS WHICH, IN
OUR VIEW, COULD SERIOUSLY PUT INTO QUESTION THE DISPATCH OF
ADDITIONAL TECHNICIANS IN THE FUTURE. ACCORDINGLY, WE
ESCALATED THE QUESTION TO THE POLICY LEVEL BY DISCUSSING IT
WITH SENIOR DEPUTY MINISTER OF ECONOMIC AFFAIRS AND
FINANCE SHORAKA. WE HAVE NOT FORMALLY REPORTED THIS
DIFFICULTY TO THE DEPARTMENT SINCE OUR CONVERSATION WITH
SHORAKA SUGGESTS THAT A "PERSIAN SOLUTION" MAY BE FOUND.
IF THIS IMPRESSION PROVES TO BE INCORRECT, WE WILL, OF
COURSE, ADVISE THE DEPARTMENT AND SEEK GUIDANCE AS TO
WHAT FURTHER STEP WE MIGHT TAKE.

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